(iv) The process for sanctioning pension to an employee retiring on superannuation commences two years ahead of his date of retirement. Instructions have been issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Departments/Offices responsible for ensuring compliance with Government orders and to issue Pension Panment Order and Gratuity Payment Order,—final or provisional,—by the date of retirement in all cases of retirement on superannuation. These orders do not apply to cases of voluntary retirement, because in these cases the concerned offices do not get sufficient advance opportunity for processing the pension cases.

(v) The above mentioned position applies to all Central Government offices the employees of which come within the purview of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972. Railway employees and' Armed Forces personnel are governed by separate sets of rules administered by the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Defence respectively.

Increasing the allocation of Agar and rice to consumers

630. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheter it is a fact that Govern ment propose' *to* increase the allocation of sugar and rice for distribution to con sumers through Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, give details thereof with effective date of such increase;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this increase in allocation has increased the quota of food card holders of Delhi for these items; and

(d) if so, give details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KA-MALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) The Central Government has make an *adhoc* norease in the allocation rf *levy* sugar to tf.ife Governments ATT Administrations *w.e.f.* August, 1991 till December, 1991. f After December, 1991 the position will be reviewed. The allocation of rice to States/U.Ts, has been increased for August, 1991 keeping in view the lean season.

Te increase in allocation is meant to increase the availability of items for Public Distribution System (PDS) and would not necessarily increase the scale of ration to card holders in Delhi. The State Governments and U.T. Administrations decide the entitlement and scale *ol* essential commodities supplied under PDS.

Welfare of people living in rural areas

631. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared Several programmes, for welfare of. people living in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these programmes have been implemented in rural areas of U.P.;

(d) if so, the details thereof districtwise, with amount spent so far;

(e) whether Government have fixed any target for implementation of these prog-rammes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) For the welfare of the people in rural areas of the country including U.P., Government have been implementing a series of rural development programmes which mainly focus on eradication of poverty, creation of employ-ment opportunities, provision of drinking water and other basic amenities.

(d) Government monitor the performance of various rural development programme only at State level. District-wise amounf spent under various programmes are iwimoicj >> the respective State Go-